

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, July 31, 2003

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 31, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Megan Norris

Department Personnel Present

Chief Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.
AC Walter E. Shoulders
AC Ella Bully-Cummings
AC Tim Black
DC Cureton
DC Campbell
DC Evans
Cmdr. Rakowski
Cmdr. Christian
Insp. McClure
Insp. Fields
Insp. O'Neill
Insp. Schwartz
Lt. Long
Lt. T. Bettison
Lt. M. Hall-Beard
Lt. R. Washington
Lt. Romeo
Lt. McKissac
Lt. Nolan
Lt. Adams
Sgt. Carr

Department Personnel Present

Sgt. V. Sims
Sgt. McDonald
Sgt. Hicks
Sgt. Cunningham
Sgt. K. Williams
Sgt. D. Jackson

Sgt. Meizel
Sgt. Sandusky
Sgt. Bennett
Sgt. Frank Cosmono
Inv. Jones
PO Reggie Crawford
PO T. Rucker
PO E. Rickett
PO S. Greer-Travis
PO Irvette Reed
PO D. Royal
PO Jarmons
Civ. 3rd DC Dunlap
Civ. P. Woodard
Atty. Nancy Ninowski

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director
Denise R. Hooks, Atty./Supv. Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Atty. John Goldpaugh
Ms. Walters
WWJ 950 (Mike Payne)
Star Ellen Carter

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway
Kellie Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Blackwell called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION **Vice-Chairperson Blackwell** made the motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, July 31, 2003.

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Comm. Blackwell stated that it is a good day here for us in the City of Detroit. We have promotions that have been long coming to this board. He asked Chief Oliver if he had any comments?

Chief Jerry A. Oliver stated that we are excited about the promotions. He stated that he is creating a new bureau. It is in response to the decree specifically asking for a Deputy Chief or someone at that level to interface with the monitor and her staff. He has created a bureau headed by DC Cara Best and he has assigned twenty-one (21) people as the core people to that. Creating that bureau naturally creates a lot of opportunities within the organization for promotions, and for movement.

Comm. Blackwell asked the official date that these promotions take effect is when?

Chief Jerry A. Oliver answered he believed that it is November 4, 2002. It dates back based on the arbitrator's ruling. It dates back from a seniority standpoint to November 4, of last year.

Comm. Blackwell asked if these promotions would be retroactive in terms of ...?

Chief Jerry A. Oliver answered the seniority will be retroactive.

AC Ella Bully-Cummings stated that thirty-four (34) of the lieutenants will have a retroactive seniority date of November 4, 2002, and the sixty (60) sergeants will also. She believed that there is a request in front of the board for forty (40) lieutenants.

Comm. Blackwell asked which means the other lieutenants will begin now? The six (6) or so?

Chief Jerry A. Oliver answered right.

AC Ella Bully-Cummings stated the date that they entered training right, yes sir.

Comm. Blackwell asked then there is some additional training from this date going forward, some additional weeks or is everything complete now?

AC Ella Bully-Cummings stated that once the board concurs in the promotions and the members enter what used to be referred to as "Officer's Candidate School," which is now called "Leadership Development," then the six (6) lieutenants outside out of the forty (40), their effective promotion date will be the first date of training.

Comm. Blackwell asked their first date of training?

AC Ella Bully-Cummings answered right.

Comm. Blackwell answered okay.

Comm. Vann stated how happy he is to see this day come and the promotions come before the board. Through a lot of the presentations that we receive week by week, we know that there were some holes and gaps in terms of leadership in the department. He was happy that all of the extenuating issues have been ameliorated at this point to allow the board to do this at this particular time.

Comm. Blackwell stated that he received the call stating the promotions were ready and were we going to put them off until next week. I stated absolutely not. He stated that for families and people who have been waiting just to get the answer yesterday is not too soon. He felt it was important in terms of morale in this department and to fill some of the leadership vacancies that are so critical to this department functioning. He thinks this has come to be another important part of the wheel that the Detroit Police Department and the city needs to further

come into compliance with some of the things that they are doing with the Department of Justice.

In addition, the information that has been in the paper regarding the good work of the Prosecutor's Office and the Police Department. He stated that all of that goes well with development as well. We keep talking about crime, but it is a direct impact on economic development.

Comm. Norris stated that she has for promotions two (2) Deputy Chiefs, (1) one Commander, and four (4) Inspectors. Before we can promote anyone to the rank of Deputy Chief or at least promote the second person, we need to create our bureau.

MOTION **Commissioner Norris** made the motion to approve the creation of the Civil Rights Integrity Bureau (C.R.I.B.)

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

July 30, 2003

Board of Police Commissioners
1300 Beaubien
Room 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dear Board Members:

As you know, the leadership of the Detroit Police Department is staunchly committed to providing the citizens, businesses and visitors of the city of Detroit with the highest degree of professional police service. As the Police Chief, I must ensure that the operation and administration of the Detroit Police Department function with the highest level of proficiency. The management positions of the Detroit Police Department are demanding and must be staffed by

innovative, skilled and proven leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to, and a belief in serving the community.

Therefore, I am submitting for your consideration the following for executive appointments to the rank of Deputy Chief, Commander, and Inspector, effective, Monday, August 4, 2003:

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF, RISK MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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Commander Gary B. Christian is the Commanding Officer of the Tenth Precinct. He was assigned to the precinct in November 2002. Under his leadership and development, the Tenth Precinct has had a significant decrease in crime. This includes the period between December 31, 2002 to July 13, 2003 in which the following Part 1 Crimes were down, Homicide –43%, Burglary –19.60%, Larceny –6.46%, Robbery –11.07% and UDAA –14.0%. With a total decrease in crime of –3.48%, and one of the lowest response times in the city, he has established a “family oriented” atmosphere with the citizens of the community. Prior to his present assignment, Commander Christian was appointed to the rank of Inspector (Commanding Officer of the Gaming Section) in July 2002. Prior to this, he was the Executive Lieutenant of the Gaming Section. As directed by the Chief of Police in 1997, Commander Christian researched and developed a plan to provide a safe environment in and around the casinos, facilitate traffic flow and prevent crime. To assure that these goals and objectives of the Detroit Police Department were obtained a team of department members were recruited by Commander Christian. With the team’s varied experiences, they were able to create a plan, anticipate pit falls and had the motivation and drive to get things done. This teamwork has been successful for the Gaming Section. Since the 1998 opening of the first casino, there has been no significant crime increases in the areas of the three casinos. Also, during the year of 2001, approximately fourteen (14) million patrons visited the three casinos. In addition, for the period of 2001 all three casinos had a gross net profit of over one (1) billion dollars, thus, generating taxes paid to the City of Detroit of approximately one hundred (100) million dollars. Under Commander Christian’s leadership and command the Gaming Section has soared to greater heights of commitment and concern for our community and with the philosophy of “Mind ‘N Our Business”, continues, if not surpasses, the high level of standard of the Detroit Police Department.

Prior to his assignment to the Gaming Section, Commander Christian had a distinguished career working various assignments throughout the department, including the Chief’s Staff Division, Crime Prevention Section, Sergeant-In-Charge of the Secret Service/Timekeeping Audit Team of the Inspection Section, Commercial Auto Theft Section, Wayne Macomb County Auto Theft Task Force

(WAYMAC), 4th Precinct Patrol, Gang Squad, 6th Precinct Patrol and the 10th Precinct Plainclothes Precinct Support Unit.

Since joining the Detroit Police Department on December 3, 1973, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant May 12, 1989 and on October 3, 1995, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

A 1998 Graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, Commander Christian holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Commander Christian enjoys racquetball and roller blading in his spare time.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF, CUSTOMER SERVICE ZONE WEST

Commander Barren, currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Metropolitan Division. Commander Barren, is a 30-year veteran and was appointed to the department on March 12, 1973. After successful completion of the police academy, Commander Barren was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Unit. He was also assigned to the 1st and 3rd Precincts—Patrol Operations Section, the Major Crimes Mobile Unit, and the Youth Crime Section, formerly known as Gang Squad, and currently named the Narcotics Special Enforcement Section.

On June 28, 1985, Commander Barren was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. As a sergeant, he served at the 14th (now 2nd) Precinct, the Special Response Team—where he was highly recognized for his tactical knowledge, and the Executive Protection Unit.

On July 1, 1994, Commander Barren was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and returned to the Special Response Team. In July 1998, he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Special Response Team. On January 22, 1999, Commander Barren was appointed to the rank of Inspector and continued to serve as the commanding officer of the Special Response Team.

Recognizing his qualifications and skills in tactical operations, Commander Barren was promoted to his current rank on December 20, 1999, and was assigned to serve in his present position as Commanding Officer of the Metropolitan Division. The Metropolitan Division oversees the operations of the Department's mobile strike force and critical incidents response units: the Special Response Team, Tactical Services Section, and the Mobile Support Section (Traffic Enforcement Unit, Mounted Unit, Traffic Safety, Fatal Squad, and Aviation Unit).

Commander Barren is an active member of the United States Army Reserves and holds the rank of First Sergeant. He also has extensive military training in areas such as: Military Police, Infantry, Light Weapons Expert, Airborne & Air Assault Operations, Drill Instructor, Assault and Movement on Urban Terrain, and Hand-to-Hand Combat instructor.

Commander Barren is also trained in the following areas: Helicopter Pilot; Rappel Master; Tactical Aircraft Assaults (certified by Federal Aviation Administration); Sniper Instructor; Counter-Terrorist and Anti-Terrorist Specialist; Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense Expert (Army); Tactics and Weapons

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Instructor (Army); Tactical Pistol and Machine Gun; Hostage Negotiator; Advanced Submachine Gun; and Executive Witness Protection (Army). Commander Barren possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as being highly trained and educated.

In May 1999, Commander Barren earned his Doctorate Degree in Counseling (with a Cognate in Psychology) from Wayne State University. He also has three (3) Masters' Degrees: Masters of Science in Counseling, Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology, and Masters of Science in Criminal Justice, all from Wayne State University. Commander Barren holds a Bachelor of Science Degree with four majors: Liberal Arts, Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Sociology from Madonna University.

He is also a graduate from the United States Department of Justice, FBI National Academy (194th Session) and the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protective Seminar.

Commander Barren has written articles for the *National Tactical Officers Association* magazine where he has published four articles. He has also instructed for several police departments, community colleges and universities, and for the United States Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force and several foreign governments.

He is highly decorated member, having received the Michigan Tactical Officers Association Award of Excellence, 2 Medals of Valor, 3 Department Citations and Medals, 1 Life Saving Medal, 5 Unit Citations, 7 Chief's Merit Awards, 13 Commendations, 2 Departmental Citations, and 3 Perfect Attendance Awards.

MOTION **Commissioner Norris** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointments to the rank of Deputy Chief.

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER, MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION

Inspector Craig W. Schwartz, currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Homicide Section, was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 16, 1993, and was assigned to the Tenth Precinct Patrol and Commercial Auto Theft. On October 3, 1995, Inspector Schwartz was promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Eleventh Precinct, Investigative Operations Unit. On August 8, 1996, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant

and held assignments at the Eleventh Precinct Patrol, Violent Crimes Task Force, and the B & E Task Force. On January 22, 1999, Inspector Schwartz was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Headquarters Surveillance Unit. On October 13, 2000, he was appointed to the rank of Inspector and remained as the Commanding Officer of the Headquarters Surveillance Unit. During Inspector Schwartz' tenure at Headquarters Surveillance Unit, he proposed and implemented the unit's expansion into the investigation of street robberies. As a result, there was more than a thirty percent (30%) decrease in burglaries and a substantial reduction in street robberies.

Inspector Schwartz graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Madonna University and is currently completing a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Technology from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

Inspector Schwartz served on the Detroit Police Department's Underwater Recovery Team for six (6) years and has lectured at Wayne State University and the Wayne County Police Academy in a variety of subjects. Throughout his career he has earned numerous citations, commendations and letters of praise.

MOTION **Commissioner Norris** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment to the rank of Commander.

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR, ASSETS AND INVENTORY CONTROL

Lieutenant Todd Bettison was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 13, 1994. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant on January 23, 1999, and Lieutenant on October 27, 2000. He has worked a myriad of assignments such as Eastern Precinct Support, Office of the Executive Deputy Chief, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Assistant Chief, and the Tenth Precinct Investigative

Operations Unit. Lieutenant Bettison scored #1 overall on both the sergeant's and lieutenant's promotional process. He has a history of high academic performance, which is further demonstrated by finishing second overall in his academy class 94-G.

Lieutenant Bettison has proven to be a valuable member of the Detroit Police Department. He is charged with the enormous task of maintaining, purchasing, tracking and servicing the Department's vehicular fleet. In addition to those duties, he is responsible for Department auctions of abandoned vehicles, nuisance abatement vehicles and forfeiture vehicles.

As the Commanding Officer of the Vehicle Management Unit, Lieutenant Bettison has demonstrated his competency level in relation to critical thinking on many occasions. He is responsible for developing, implementing and improving fleet tracking measures by creating a database of all department vehicles, thereby allowing efficient and effective management of the fleet.

Lieutenant Bettison has successfully established effective lines of communication with the Department of Public Works, Budget Department, General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company, and Daimler Chrysler in an effort to improve efficiency concerning purchasing, maintaining and tracking department vehicles.

Lieutenant Bettison successfully negotiated and submitted the department's 2003-2004 Vehicle Budget, which resulted in the Vehicle Steering Committee awarding the department \$7,000,000 towards the purchase of its fleet for the budget year. This is an increase of \$2,997,750 from the previous fiscal year's budget allowance.

Lieutenant Bettison takes pride in meeting Department goals and objectives with character and integrity. He is dedicated to the mission of the Department and the citizenry of the city of Detroit.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR, INTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION

Lieutenant Walter L. Long, Jr., currently assigned as the executive lieutenant of the Assets & Inventory Control Section, was appointed to the department on

February 20, 1975 and is a 28-year veteran. Lieutenant Long was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February 1980 and to the rank of Lieutenant in October of 1987.

During his 28-year tenure, Lieutenant Long was assigned to the following precincts, sections and units: Sixth Precinct Patrol, Public Information Unit,

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Fourteenth Precinct Patrol, Internal Affairs, Twelfth Precinct Patrol, Armed Robbery Unit, Commercial Auto Theft Section, and Fourth Precinct Patrol-Shift Commander.

Lieutenant Long holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wayne State University. He is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

As the executive lieutenant of the Assets & Inventory Control Section, Lieutenant Long oversees the daily operation of four units (Firearms Inventory/Repair Unit, Property Control Unit, Uniform Store, and Stationery Stockroom). He conducts on site inspections of these units and reviews all incoming reports, and monitors expenditures of the individual units: Firearms Inventory (\$405,000); Uniform Store (\$1.8 million); and the Stationery Stockroom (\$305,000).

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR, DETROIT METROPOLITAN POLICE ACADEMY

Lieutenant Duane A. McKissic, currently assigned as the Acting Commanding Officer of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, was appointed to the Detroit Police Department in January of 1987. He was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July 1998 and then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in May 2001.

Lieutenant McKissic has been assigned to the various precincts, sections, and units: First Precinct Patrol, Special Response Team, Vice Enforcement Unit, and Office of the Chief of Police.

As the Commanding Officer of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy he is charged with managing the in-service training program for the Detroit Police Department, as well as the day-to-day operations of the student police officers enrolled at the police academy.

Lieutenant McKissic is currently attending Eastern Michigan University where he is studying Management of Police/Fire. He has an Associate of Arts from Wayne County Community College. Lieutenant McKissic is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR, HOMICIDE SECTION

Lieutenant Marilyn Hall-Beard, currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of the D.D.O.T. Unit, is a 25-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed in July of 1977. Lieutenant Hall-Beard was promoted to Investigator in January of 1992, Sergeant in May of 1995 and to Lieutenant in August of 1999.

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During her 25-year tenure, Lieutenant Hall-Beard was assigned to the following precincts, sections and units: Twelfth Precinct Patrol, Fourteenth Precinct Patrol, Sixteenth Precinct Patrol, Tenth Precinct Patrol, Office of the Chief of Police, Carjacking Task Force, Office of the Chief Investigator, Violent Crimes Task Force, and Commanding Officer of the Violent Crime Task Force/Repeat Offenders Program.

Lieutenant Hall-Beard has attended Wayne County Community College, Wayne State University and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

Competent, committed, and courageous members who possess the skills to influence and encourage transformation is what I looked for in selecting the most qualified candidates. Therefore, I am asking your concurrence in these executive appointments to the rank of Deputy Chief, Commander and Inspector.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

JERRY A. OLIVER, SR.
Chief of Police

JAO/mm

MOTION: **Commissioner Vann** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointments to the rank of Inspector.

SECOND: **Commissioner Norris** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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Board of Police Commissioners

1300 Beaubien, Room 328

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center

Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTIONS

Dear Board Members:

As my staff has summarized for you recently, the Lieutenants and Sergeants Act 312 Arbitration Award ("LSA Award") included, among other things, the promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, those sergeants on the eligibility roster. Additionally, the award also delineates that this class of Lieutenants, once promoted, shall be granted the in-rank seniority date of November 4, 2002.

To this end, I submit the attached list of 34 candidates for the rank of Lieutenant for your review and approval. It is my intention to commence training for these candidates for Lieutenant on September 17, 2003, or as soon thereafter as may be feasible.

Additionally, appreciating the need for supervisors in the rank of Sergeant, I submit for your review and approval the attached list of 60 candidates for the rank of Sergeant. This class of Sergeants, once promoted, shall also be granted the in-rank seniority date of November 4, 2002. It is my intention to commence training for these candidates for Sergeant on September 8, 2003, or as soon thereafter as may be feasible.

As you are aware, the LSA Award also provided for the promotion of all Investigators to the rank of Sergeant, and consequential elimination of the rank of

Investigator. Since the LSA Award was issued, however, the Detroit Police Officers' Association ("DPOA") filed an injunction to prevent the promotion of the Investigators. Although the Department prevailed and **successfully defeated every claim made by the DPOA** an immediate stay, pending appeal, was granted to the DPOA. For that reason, I am currently restrained from executing my plan to promote the Investigators to the rank of Sergeant.

When the court action has concluded I shall immediately execute, with all deliberate speed, my plan to effectuate the promotions of the Investigators. At that time, you can anticipate the presentation of the list of approximately 175 Investigators for your review and approval, as well as a commencement date for training this class of prospective sergeants.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

JERRY A. OLIVER, SR.
Chief of Police

JAO/poe

Attachments

Comm. Norris read the following:

**DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUCCESSION OF PROMOTION**

**Rank of
LIEUTENANT**

NAME
1. Eric Ewing
2. Michael Nied
3. Philip Love
4. Cheryl Friday
5. John Serda
6. Harrison Jenkins
7. Sharon Cowling
8. Kevin Kemp
9. Emad Shenouda
10. Laurie Sabatini
11. Donna Jarvis
12. Cynthia Williams
13. Cleophus McDonald
14. James Suchoski
15. James Agee
16. Jevestine Coleman
17. Ricardo Moore

18. David Mallory
19. Leonard Coklow
20. Debbie Abdur-Rasheed
21. Candace Kailimai
22. Susan Serda
23. Lance Laburdy
24. Pastella Williams
25. Ricky Brown
26. Mary Thomas
27. Lynda Hicks
28. Tony Cannon
29. Thomas Berry
30. Christopher Quarello
31. Taryn Foreman
32. Terry Herbert
33. Patrick Jackman
34. James Fleming III

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSION OF PROMOTION

Rank of

LIEUTENANT

1. Stephen Cronin
2. Steven Carpenter
3. James Tolbert
4. Eleanor McBurrows
5. Kyra Joy Hope
6. Karen Sousa

MOTION: **Commissioner Norris** made the motion to approve the promotions to the rank of Lieutenant.

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSION OF PROMOTION

Rank of
SERGEANT

1. Darryl A. Bradford
2. Bobby Ward Jr.
3. Timothy Dollinger
4. Cory Karssen
5. Robert Lalone
6. Ronald K. Murphy
7. Mattie Lewis
8. Charles Spruce
9. Erick Douglas
10. John Swatowski
11. Robert Gerak Jr.
12. Wedad Elhage
13. Carlos Dennis
14. Samer Jaafer
15. Ramon Childs
16. Stevie Hayes
17. Michael Boyle
18. Diaz Graves
19. Myron Weathers
20. David A. Patterson
21. Jason Sloan
22. Paul Glaza
23. William R. Sims
24. Lemuel Wilson
25. Marvin Redmond
26. Michael Donovan
27. Craig Purgy
28. Donald Haight
29. Clametta Butler
30. Steven D. Ford
31. Lavern Mack
32. Howard Phillips Jr.
33. Jennifer Jones
34. Lauren McLemore
35. Barbara Melrose
36. Michael Dailey
37. Mark Campau
38. Charles Leonard
39. Marc Deluca
40. Michael E. Russell
41. Randall L. Miller
42. Julius Moses

43. Avis Taylor
44. Joanna Ali-Johnson
45. Deshuane Stanfield
46. Matthew Fulks
47. Patrick Tinney
48. Jessica L. Jones
49. Ryan Lovier
50. Melinee Long-Thomason
51. Stephanie L. Smith
52. Robert C. Mitchell
53. Erik Eide
54. Marvin C. Jones
55. Dietrich Lever
56. Michael C. Thomas
57. Kevin Hanus
58. Tereasa Duncan
59. Albert Yasso
60. Michael Schmit

MOTION: **Commissioner Norris** made the motion to approve the promotions to the rank of Sergeant.

SECOND: **Commissioner Vann** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Norris stated that Lt. Bell, one of the supervising investigators for OCI and one of our beloved employees, is retiring and we wish him well.

RESOLUTION HONORING LIEUTENANT WILLIE E. BELL

WHEREAS On August 1, 2003, Lieutenant Willie E. Bell, of the Office of the Chief Investigator will retire from the Detroit Police Department after thirty-two (32) years of exemplary service to the citizens of Detroit, and

WHEREAS Willie E. Bell was appointed to the Detroit Police Department as a Police Officer on August 2, 1971, and

WHEREAS Upon graduation from the Detroit Police Academy, Officer Bell began his illustrious career at the Seventh Precinct, and

WHEREAS On April 5, 1976, Officer Bell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was transferred to the Fourteenth Precinct. As a sergeant with the department he was assigned to the Investigative Operations Section at Fourteenth Precinct, the Chief Staff, Narcotics, and the Eleventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS On March 20, 1998, Sergeant Bell was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Ninth Precinct; and

WHEREAS In December 1998, Lieutenant Bell was transferred to the Office of the Chief Investigator where he served with distinction until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his career, Lieutenant Bell has received two (2) Perfect Attendance Awards and numerous letters of commendation from supervisors and citizens.

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bell's pride in his profession and commitment to his community were demonstrated through his participation in various law enforcement organizations and civic activities. Lieutenant Bell's service included being President of the Guardian Police Association; Chairman of the National Police Association; member of the NAACP Board; and member of the Public Safety Committee for New Detroit,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge that Lieutenant Willie E. Bell has served the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department with loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and dedication for thirty-two (32) years. Lieutenant Bell's actions were in accordance with the highest standards and traditions of the Detroit Police Department.

We salute and congratulate you, Lieutenant Willie E. Bell.

/s/Willie Hampton
Chairperson

/s/Arthur Blackwell
Vice Chairperson

/s/Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

/s/Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Commissioner

/s/Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

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MOTION: **Commissioner Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the resolution for Lieutenant Willie E. Bell.

SECOND: **Commissioner Norris** seconded the vote.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION HONORING INVESTIGATOR JERRY SWOPE

WHEREAS On July 30, 2003 Investigator Jerry Swope, of the Eleventh Precinct Investigative Operations Unit, will retire from the Detroit Police Department after thirty (30) years of exemplary service to the citizens of Detroit, and

WHEREAS Investigator Swope was appointed to the Detroit Police Department as a on April 2, 1973, and

WHEREAS Upon graduation from the Detroit Police Academy on August 2, 1973, he was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Section, and

WHEREAS As a police officer with the Department, his assignments included the First Precinct Special Event Section, the Sex Crimes Unit, and the Armed Robbery Unit, and

WHEREAS On October 16, 1995, Officer Swope was promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Eleventh Precinct

Investigative Operations Unit, where he remained until his retirement, and

WHEREAS

During his career, Investigator Swope has received ten (10) Chief's Merit Awards, three (3) Chief's Unit Awards, two (2) Meritorius Service Awards, the GOP Commemorative Award and numerous letters of commendation from other police agencies, businesses and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge that Investigator Jerry Swope has served the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department with loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and dedication for thirty (30) years. Investigator Swope's actions were in accordance with the highest standards and traditions of the Detroit Police Department.

We salute and congratulate you, Investigator Jerry Swope.

/s/ Willie Hampton
Chairperson

/s/Arthur Blackwell
Vice Chairperson

/s/Megan P. Morris
Commissioner

/s/Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Commissioner

/s/Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

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MOTION: **Commissioner Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the resolution for Investigator Jerry Swope.

SECOND: **Commissioner Norris** seconded the vote.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Count of Complaints:	40	704
Weekly Count of Allegations:	59	1,280
Arrest	4	46
Demeanor	16	440
Entry	1	17
Force	4	101
Harassment	3	51
Procedure	21	422
Property	3	50
Search	1	34
Service	6	116

Pending Cases

As of July 30, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **704 pending cases**, which include **221 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **42 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **100 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **81 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **215 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, and **45 cases** with an age of 7-9 months.

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During the past week:	23	Year to Date:	607
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5. PRESENTATION – ASSETS AND INVENTORY

Lt. Walter Long, Jr., Assets and Inventory Control Section, Management Services Bureau, gave the presentation. **(See attached)**

Comm. Blackwell asked if this system was set-up 100% right now?

Lt. Long answered that he initially introduced this program on Monday and there have been some additions and suggestions that are being worked on. It has not gone into effect yet. The idea is that we are going to keep control and have a database for every item that we purchase that is not covered by the capital assets inventory federal demand. For example, cameras that are purchased and might be under \$100.00. They would be tagged and the serial number recorded

at Assets and Inventory, since that would be the distribution center and that would go into the database also.

Comm. Blackwell asked once you begin to implement this procedure/process, how long will it take before it is implemented?

Lt. Long answered once the information is complete and goes out to the Deputy Chiefs, it depends on how long it takes them to do the inventory and email it back.

Comm. Blackwell answered okay.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT **MIND'N OUR BUSINESS**

Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of July 23rd-29th, 2003:

ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION

The Conspiracy Intelligence, South-East, North-West and Vice Sections conducted eight enforcement actions that resulted in (8) felony and (30) misdemeanor arrests. These enforcement actions resulted in the confiscation of 2790.5 gram of marijuana, 275.3 grams of cocaine and (21) heroin \$159,082.00. \$638.00 in U.S. currency and (10) vehicles and (3) hand-guns were confiscated from these enforcement actions.

THIRTEENTH PRECINCT

On Monday, July 28, 2003, officers of the Thirteenth Precinct responded to a police run in the 6500 block of Woodward on a "Breaking and Entering Alarm." Upon arrival at the location, the officers observed a hole in the cement wall in the rear of the business. The owner of the business told the officers that an ATM machine, a hand dolly and other merchandise were missing. The officers canvassed the area and observed a subject pushing a hand dolly. As a result of the officers' investigation, two subjects were arrested for "Breaking & Entering Building, Safe Breaking & Habitual Fourth." Additionally, the ATM machine was recovered in a field of weeds.

VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE (V.C.T.F.)

Members of the Violent Crime Task Force were asked by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to join a combined search with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to look for a three-year-old that was kidnapped from her home in St. Louis, Missouri and believed to in route to the Detroit area. Members of V.C.T.F. set up surveillance of the Greyhound Bus Station in Detroit. Upon further investigation the officers observed the wanted subject and the toddler leaving the bus station. The officers then followed the subject to a business in the area. The Michigan State Police arrived and assisted in recovering the toddler. The subject was detained and is currently awaiting adjudication in this matter.

Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Ramirez addressed a question to Chief Jerry A. Oliver, Sr. that Comm. Vann had asked about three (3) weeks ago, concerning if other officers would be deployed to the Fourth Precinct since the majority of the indicted seventeen (17) officers were taken from that precinct.

Chief Jerry A. Oliver asked Comm. Ramirez if her question was did they ever try to address that issue?

Comm. Ramirez answered yes.

Chief Jerry A. Oliver stated that it was an operations issue.

AC Walter E. Shoulders addressed the issue. He stated that most of the officers came from the Special Operations Unit, which worked a different shift. It didn't actually affect

the patrol units over there. He stated that the Tactical Services Section has cars and units dedicated over there as well as the Special Crimes Section that comes out of the Central Services Bureau. He stated that there is not a shortage of personnel over at that particular precinct.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Police Officer Tyron Rucker assigned to the 10th Precinct and a licensed attorney addressed the issue regarding PO John Bennett's web page. He urged the Board of Police Commissioners to consult with labor attorneys and constitutional attorneys before making a ruling on the suspension case regarding Officer Bennett.

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Star Ellen Carter stated that she filed a motion in court and she will need copies of police reports. She asked Chief Jerry A. Oliver if she could receive copies.

Comm. Blackwell asked Ms. Carter if she had requested the reports already?

Star Ellen Carter stated that in the case in question, all of the police reports were not seen. Not by the Detroit Police Department or the Prosecutor.

Comm. Norris stated she would refer to Mr. Sheard on this. She stated that a request was made for Ms. Carter's file and we are under fairly strict limitations about what we can give out from our investigation. She stated that she did not understand that the request specifically had to do with police reports. She believed that Ms. Carter could get police reports. Although, she did not know that Ms. Carter could get that information from the Office of the Chief Investigator.

Star Ellen Carter stated speak to whomever so that those reports can be released. She stated she could go file a motion for special discovery.

Comm. Blackwell stated that the board agrees. If it is a police report that she wanted, that he is sure that she is entitled to it. He asked Chief Oliver who is the appropriate source?

Star Ellen Carter stated she needed the police reports from the Carjacking Unit, the 2nd Precinct, and the 8th Precinct.

AC Ella Bully-Cummings stated that Ms. Carter could receive copies of the official complaint reports from the Records Section for any report that she made.

Star Ellen Carter stated no, that she is not referring to complaints she made.

AC Ella Bully-Cummings stated that the PCRs are not given to citizens because that is in turn reduced to an official complaint report, which conveys all of this.

Star Ellen Carter stated that Inv. Thompson sent her a letter stating that he had closed the case and what he had found. The people that were harassed were not interviewed so how was the case closed? This was the same as Shirley Eberhart closing the case before hand.

Comm. Blackwell asked Mr. Sheard if he could bring some clarity to this issue?

Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard stated that Ms. Carter's case has been looked at more than once by separate investigators. The former

Chairperson Megan Norris of the Board of Police Commissioners has also reviewed Ms. Carter's case. Based on the information provided in her complaint, and the interviews of the witnesses involved, he didn't have the case before him, but he believed that Ms. Carter's complaint was not sustained and that was a finding based on all of the information that not only she provided but witnesses provided as well.

Comm. Blackwell asked if the Board of Police Commissioners reaches that conclusion, what redress does an individual have? It then goes to the City Ombudsman, to court, or.....

Comm. Blackwell stated to Ms. Carter that she is asking a question within the process....

Star Ellen Carter stated that the question was who was directing the interview so how could you review unless you have it.....

Comm. Blackwell stated one-second ma'am. I will let you finish when you come back to the mike. He stated that once we have looked at it and have come to that conclusion, then there is not a redress through our department. It goes outside of our department.

Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard stated that is correct.

Comm. Blackwell asked Mr. Sheard that through his investigation through all of the processes that we have gone through, and that he has come to this finding?

Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard stated that is correct.

Comm. Blackwell asked now it is up to Ms. Carter to take this either to the Ombudsman and he understood that she may also gone to court?

Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard stated that is correct.

Star Ellen Carter asked is it the finding of the Commission or the Office of the Chief Investigator?

Comm. Blackwell answered that the Office of the Chief Investigator is an arm of the Commission.

Star Ellen Carter asked do the Commissioners' review it?

Comm. Norris stated that one Commissioner reviews and signs off but not the whole board. It is a different one of us on each case.

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Star Ellen Carter asked how is the Commission signing off on something when a person has not been interviewed, the person who is directly harassed? She stated she would take it before the courts. She stated to Chief Oliver that she would like those police reports. It is on the docket for August 4 and she needs them as soon as possible.

Comm. Blackwell asked Ms. Carter if she had that information somewhere?

Star Ellen Carter stated yes.

Comm. Blackwell asked Ms. Carter to give that information to AC Ella Bully-Cummings.

Ms. Walters pleased about the old train station being considered as the new police headquarters. She suggested that three (3) buildings in that area could also be used to house homeless people and provide counseling privileges. She stated that she did not see the department at the memorial services in Sterling Heights for the fallen police officer. It would nice to see the metropolitan area working together and not against one another.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 7, 2003, @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters – Rm. 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS

Executive Director

Board of Police Commissioners

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